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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: NAMIBIA:POSTPONEMENT OF TALKS

LATE TODAY (SUNDAY), SWAPO REPRESENTATIVE DELIVERED
LETTER TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG STATING THAT SWAPO WOULD
BE UNABLE TO ATTEND TALKS ON NAMIBIA SCHEDULED TO
BEGIN TOMORROW, MONDAY, MAY 8. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS.
IN SEPTEL ARE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACTIONS WHICH
WE BELIEVE NECESSARY.

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DEAR MR AMBASSADOR,

FURTHER TO MY LETTER OF MAY 3, 1978, CON-
CERNING THE TALKS BETWEEN SWAPO AND THE FIVE WESTERN
MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, SCHEDULED FOR
MAY 8, 1978 IN NEW YORK, I REGRET TO INFORM THE FIVE

GOVERNMENTS, THROUGH YOU, THAT SWAPO WILL BE UNABLE
TO ATTEND THESE TALKS AT THIS TIME IN THE FACE OF THE
LATEST CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH GRAVELY CONCERN US.

THE SWAPO CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH MANDATED
OUR DELEGATION IN THE TALKS HAS DECIDED TO URGENTLY
RECALL US IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT PRE-MEDIATED AND
UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION, THROUGH A MASSIVE ARMED INVASION
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA BY THE FASCIST
TROOPS OF RACIST SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS ILLEGALLY
UTILIZING NAMIBIA FOR SUCH CRIMINAL ACTS. AS A RESULT
OF THIS INVASION HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT NAMIBIAN MEN,
WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED AND VALUABLE
PROPERTY DESTROYED AT KASSINGA IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA.

SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
DEBATE ON THE COMPLAINT OF ANGOLA AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA,
I RECEIVED FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEVASTATION
AND DESTRUCTION WROUGHT UPON OUR REFUGEE SETTLEMENT
BY THE ENEMY FORCES. THIS SITUATION REQUIRES OUR
IMMEDIATE PRESENCE THERE TO APPRAISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THIS BARBARIC ACT AND TO EVALUATE THE EXTENT OF LOSS
IN HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY.

THE NEW WAVE OF EVER ESCALATING TERROR
CAMPAIGN AND OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED VIOLENCE AGAINST
SWAPO LEADERS, MEMBERS AND FOLLOWERS, ANTI-SWAPO
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EMERGENCY MEASURES IMPOSED RECENTLY ON NAMIBIA BY
STEYN UNDER WHICH HUNDREDS OF SWAPO MEMBERS ARE
ARRESTED AND DETAINED WHICH HAVE NOW CULMINATED IN
THE DASTARDLY MASSACRE OF OUR PEOPLE IN ANGOLA,
CLEARLY SHOWS FASCIST SOUTH AFRICA'S SINGLE-MINDED
DETERMINATION TO DESTROY SWAPO AND SUPPRESS THE LEGITIMATE
DEMANDS OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA FOR TOTAL
LIBERATION, IN ORDER FOR THE OCCUPATION FORCES TO
IMPOSE A NEO-COLONIAL, PUPPET REGIME IN NAMIBIA.

IN AS MUCH AS SWAPO WISHES STILL FOR AN
ACCEPTABLE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOR NAMIBIA, THESE
VICIOUS ACTIONS BY THE VORSTER REGIME CAST SERIOUS
DOUBT ON ITS SINCERITY AND HONESTY AND MAKE
PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL TALKS VERY DIM INDEED.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,
SAM NUJOMA PRESIDENT

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